IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Doerr et al.

Group Art Unit: Unassigned

Divisional of

Application No. 09/506,757

Examiner: Unassigned

Filed: January 26, 2000

For: HANG TAG AND METHOD OF APPLYING HANG TAG TO AN ELONGATED OBJECT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-13 and 25-26.

REMARKS

The present application is a divisional of U.S. patent application no. 09/506,757, in which the originally filed claims were subject to a restriction requirement. The non-elected claims are being pursued in the instant patent application. Claims 1-13 and 25-26 have been canceled. Original claims 14-24 currently are pending. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

Date: January 26, 2001

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The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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